



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 188***

LCO No. 1436



Referred to Committee on GENERAL LAW

Introduced by:  
(GL)

***AN ACT CONCERNING FARM WINERY RETAIL SALES HOURS AND  
FREE WINE TASTINGS AT FARMERS' MARKETS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1       Section 1. Subsection (f) of section 30-91 of the 2016 supplement to  
2       the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
3       thereof (*Effective from passage*):

4       (f) The retail sale of wine and the tasting of free samples of wine by  
5       visitors and prospective retail customers of a permittee holding a  
6       manufacturer permit for a farm winery on the premises of such  
7       permittee shall be unlawful on [Sunday before eleven o'clock a.m. and  
8       after ten o'clock p.m. and on] any [other] day before ten o'clock a.m.  
9       and after ten o'clock p.m. Any town may, by vote of a town meeting or  
10      by ordinance, reduce the number of hours during which sales and the  
11      tasting of free samples of wine under this subsection shall be  
12      permissible.

13      Sec. 2. Subdivision (7) of subsection (e) of section 30-16 of the 2016  
14      supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is

15 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

16 (7) A holder of a manufacturer permit for a farm winery may sell  
17 and offer free tastings of wine manufactured from such winery at a  
18 farmers' market, as defined in section 22-6r, that is operated as a  
19 nonprofit enterprise or association, provided such farmers' market  
20 invites such holder to sell wine at such farmers' market and such  
21 holder has a farmers' market wine sales permit issued by the  
22 Commissioner of Consumer Protection in accordance with the  
23 provisions of subsection (a) of section 30-37o.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	30-91(f)
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	30-16(e)(7)

***Statement of Purpose:***

To extend farm winery Sunday sales hours from 11:00am to 10:00pm and to allow free wine tastings of farm wine at farmers' markets.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*